Post of the Assistant Engineer—Tramway Department.

277. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(a) whether there is a post of Assistant Engineer, Tramway Department;

(b) when did the post come into existence;

(c) what was the necessity for creating such a new post;

(d) what are the functions of the Assistant Engineer;

(e) what are the qualifications required for a proper discharge of the duties of Assistant Engineer;

(f) when did the Government decide to make this post;

(g) were applications called for by the Government for filling up this post of Assistant Engineer; if not, why not?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Yes.

(b) On 1st Thulam 1111.

(c) Till 1st Chingam 1089 there was an Assistant to the Engineer-in-charge of Forest Tramway; the designation was changed to that of Assistant Engineer from 1st Chingam 1089. This post was abolished in 1096. It has been revived this year from 1st Thulam 1111. From the above it will be seen that the post is not a new creation but only a revival of an old one. When the then permanent Way Inspector and Foreman were superannuated the Tramway Engineer thought that it would be in the best interests of departmental efficiency to revive the old post of the Assistant Engineer and appoint a qualified hand who was then working in the department as an Honorary Apprentice.

(d) To look after the proper maintenance and up-keep of the two sections under his charge, viz., Loco and Engineering and to discharge the duties delegated to him from time to time by the Tramway Engineer.

(e) An all round knowledge in Engineering and practical experience in the working of the department.

(f) 1st October 1935.

(g) No. A suitable hand who was an honorary apprentice in the Tramway Department itself was available.

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